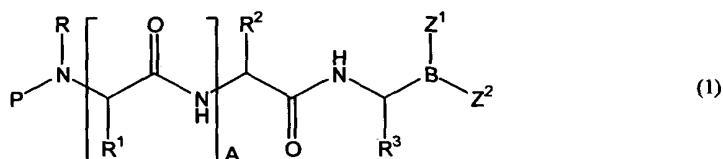


*REMARKS*

*The Present Invention*

The invention provides a compound of the formula (1):



in which  $Z^1$  and  $Z^2$  are moieties derived from sugar. The invention also provides a lyophilized compound of formula (1), a composition comprising the compound of formula (1), and a lyophilized cake comprising the compound of formula (1). The invention also provides a method for preparing such a compound.

*The Pending Claims*

Claims 1-5, 8-12, 14-21, 24-28, 30-38, 41-47, and 49-114 are pending. Claims 1-5, 8-12, 14-16, 80, and 88-90 are directed to the compound of formula (1). Claims 56-59, 81, and 91-93 are directed to a composition comprising the compound of formula (1). Claims 17-21, 24-28, 30-34, 82, and 94-96 are directed to the lyophilized compound of formula (1). Claims 60-63, 83, and 97-99 are directed to a composition comprising the lyophilized compound of formula (1), and claims 55, 64-66, 84, and 100-102 are directed to a lyophilized cake comprising the compound of formula (1). Claims 35-38, 41-47, 49-54, 67-71, 85, and 103-108 are directed to the method for preparing the compound of the invention, which can be part of a composition as recited in claims 72-75, 86, and 109-111, or a lyophilized cake as recited in claims 76-79, 87, and 112-114.

*The Amendments to the Specification*

The specification has been amended in a manner consistent with parent U.S. Patent Application No. 10/056,567. In particular, Paragraph [0001] has been amended to reflect the parentage of the subject patent application in the Cross Reference to Related Applications. Paragraphs [0043], [0049], [0072], [0078], [0100], and [0112] have been amended to correct typographical errors. With respect to paragraph [0049], “ $C_6-C_{10}$  alkylsulfinyl,  $C_6-C_{10}$  alkylsulfonyl” has been changed to “ $C_1-C_6$  alkylsulfinyl,  $C_1-C_6$  alkylsulfonyl,” as supported by the instant specification at, for example, paragraph [0043]. Paragraph [0078] has been

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amended to recite the IUPAC name of the referenced compound. No new matter has been added by way of these amendments.

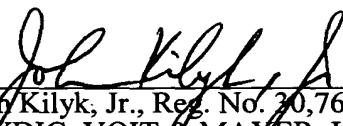
*The Amendments to the Claims*

Claims 6, 7, 13, 22, 23, 29, 39, 40, and 48 have been canceled to avoid redundancy with the pending claims of parent U.S. Patent Application No. 10/056,567. Claims 1, 12, 15-17, 21, 28, 31, 32, 35, 38, 45, 53, and 54 have been amended to correct typographical errors and avoid redundancies. In that respect, the amendment to claim 35 is supported by the specification at, for example, paragraphs [0027]-[0033] and [0102]-[0112]. Claims 56-114 are new. Claims 56-63, 67-75, 81, 83, 86, 91-93, 97-99, and 106-111 are supported by the specification at, for example, paragraphs [0100], [0112], [0136], [0137], and Example 3. Claims 64-66, 76-79, 84, 87, 100-102, and 112-114 are supported by original claim 55. Claims 80-87 are supported by the specification at, for example, paragraphs [0072]-[0086], [0125]-[0133], the Examples, and original claims 10, 12, 15, 16, 28, 31, 32, 45, 47, and 48. Claims 88-114 are supported by the specification at, for example, paragraphs [0041]-[0049], [0074], [0079]-[0086], [0125]-[0133], and the Examples. No new matter has been added by way of these amendments or claim additions.

*Conclusion*

The application is considered in good and proper form for allowance, and the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney.

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